

# St. Pius X Parish

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## Pastoral Staff

Fr. Massillamani Zacharias

(Fr. Mani), **Pastor**

Michelle Somers, **Parish Secretary**

## Office Hours

Tuesday to Friday

9:00 am to 1:00 pm

## Weekend Masses

Saturday 5 pm

Sunday 9 am and 11 am

## Weekday Masses

Tuesday - Friday 8:30 am

## Rosary and Divine Mercy Prayer

9 am following Mass at 8:30 am

Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday

## Devotions to our Mother of

### Perpetual Help

9 am following Mass at 8:30 am

Thursday

## Benediction & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Every first Friday of the month at 9 am following  
8:30 am Mass

## Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday 4 pm to 4:30 pm or by appointment

## Sacrament of Baptism

Register online at [www.saintpiusx.ca/baptism](http://www.saintpiusx.ca/baptism), or call  
or email the office for more information

## Sacrament of Marriage

1 year advance notice is required

Call or email the office for an appointment

## Parish Ministries/Organizations

- Altar Servers
- Lectors
- Eucharistic Ministers
- Ushers/Greeters
- Musicians
- Sacramental Preparation for First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation
- Finance Council
- Catholic Women's League

## Catholic School

St. Pius X Catholic School

71 Jane Street Tel: 416-393-5237

## Holy Communion for SHUT-INS and SICK

If you know of anyone who is sick and would like to have communion brought to them or would like the Sacrament of the Sick, or simply would like to be included in the Prayers of the Faithful, contact us

## New Parishioners: Welcome!

We invite you to join our Parish family by registering with the parish office at [www.saintpiusx.ca](http://www.saintpiusx.ca) or by contacting the Office

**PLEASE REMEMBER ST. PIUS X PARISH IN YOUR WILL**



**Saturday, January 20**

5pm Parishioners

**Sunday, January 21**

9am + Jose Udasco

11am + Steven Riley

**Tuesday, January 23**

8:30am Parishioners

**Wednesday, January 24**

8:30am Parishioners

**Thursday, January 25**

8:30am Parishioners

**Friday, January 26**

8:30am Parishioners

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

First Reading: Jonah 3.1-5, 10

Psalm: Ps 25.4-5a, 6+7b, 8-9

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7.29-31

Gospel: Mark 1.14-20

**Sponsoring the Vigil Candle**

Parishioners are invited to become weekly or monthly sponsors of the Tabernacle Vigil Candle. Please contact the parish office if you wish to donate towards the Vigil Candle.

**The Vigil Candle burns for the intentions of:**

Marthese Fenech – January 2024

**GOSPEL REFLECTION**

***The Kingdom of God Is at Hand***

Repentance means to change - to change our way of thinking, our attitude, disposition, and life choices so that Christ can be the Lord and Master of our heart rather than sin, selfishness, and greed. If we are only sorry for the consequences of our sins, we will very likely keep repeating the sin that is mastering us. True repentance requires a contrite heart (Psalm 51:17) and sorrow for sin and a firm resolution to avoid it in the future. The Lord Jesus gives us grace to see sin for what it really is - a rejection of his love and wisdom for our lives and a refusal to do what is good and in accord with his will. His grace brings pardon and help for turning away from everything that would keep us from his love and truth.

To believe is to take Jesus at his word and to recognize that God loved us so much that he sent his only begotten Son to free us from bondage to sin and harmful desires. God made the supreme sacrifice of his Son on the cross to bring us back to a relationship of peace and friendship with himself. He is our Father, and he wants us to live as his sons and daughters. God loved us first and he invites us in love to surrender our lives to him. Do we believe that the gospel -the good news of Jesus - has power to free us from bondage to sin and fear? When the Lord calls us to serve, we must not think we have nothing to offer. The Lord takes what ordinary people, like us, can offer and uses it for greatness in his kingdom. Do we believe that God wants to work in and through us for his glory?

Jesus speaks the same message to us today: we will “catch people” for the kingdom of God if we allow the light of Jesus Christ to shine through us. God wants others to see the light of Christ in us in the way we live, speak, and witness the joy of the gospel. Paul the Apostles says, but thanks be to God, who in Christ Jesus always leads us in triumph, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere. For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing (2 Corinthians 2:15).

Let us witness to those around us the joy of the Gospel and pray for our neighbours, co-workers, and relatives that they may come to know the Lord Jesus Christ and grow in the knowledge of his love.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Church Repairs Completed!**

Our parishioners were so generous during the 2015-2020 Family of Faith campaign that we were able to fix the poor condition of our Church in many ways. We upgraded the sound system, repaired two of our boiler heaters and, just this week, did some much-needed door and lock repairs. The cost of these 3 projects was \$24,382. We remain grateful for your caring contributions, and hope you enjoy the improvements too.

### **2024 Offertory Envelopes**

Those who have not yet picked up their Offertory envelopes for 2024, please call the Parish Office for your envelopes or ask any of the Ushers at weekend Masses.

### **Coffee Sunday & CWL Membership Drive - Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> at 12 Noon**

St. Pius X Catholic Women's League will be hosting a Coffee Sunday for parishioners this weekend in the church hall. The CWL will also be holding a membership drive at that time.



### **Empowerment, Community, and Service: Join the Catholic Women's League Today!**

Are you passionate about making a difference in your community while finding solidarity among like-minded individuals? Look no further than the Catholic Women's League (CWL). We are a vibrant, compassionate, and dedicated group committed to service, empowerment, and fostering strong bonds among women of faith. Together, let's elevate each other, serve our communities, and make a profound impact.

### **Pastoral Letter from the Most Rev. Francis Leo – “Seeking the Kingdom of God Above and Beyond All Other Things”**

Archbishop Francis Leo has released a Pastoral Letter to the Church of God in the Archdiocese of Toronto, entitled, “*Seeking the Kingdom of God Above and Beyond All Other Things*”. This significant reflection from our spiritual shepherd

is intended to offer a theological, spiritual, and pastoral meditation as we embark upon a New Year, and our collective efforts to build and strengthen the Kingdom of God throughout our archdiocese. The Pastoral Letter can be accessed by visiting the archdiocesan website at: [www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org).

### **Vocations**

The call of the disciples is so familiar to us that we tend to miss the wonder of the disciples' response, which was immediate and complete; they leave everything and follow Jesus. Can we do less if we feel that God is calling us to the priesthood, religious life or diaconate? If you think that God is calling you to a church vocation, call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997 or email [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org).

### **Gift of Securities Can Help Everyone**

You can now support the Church using securities (stocks, mutual funds, bonds). You will not have to pay any capital gains on your securities gift, and you will get a tax receipt for the full amount. Also, you can divide up your gift as you wish (e.g. Parish offertory or building fund, ShareLife, The Shepherds' Trust, St. Augustine's Seminary, special collections, etc.) It's very easy to do. For more information, please contact the Parish Office or the Development Office of the Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-934-3411 or email: [development@archtoronto.org](mailto:development@archtoronto.org), or find more information at [www.archtoronto.org/development](http://www.archtoronto.org/development).

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